



Family News

News and Information for Families of individuals served at Muscatatuck SDC and Madison State Hospital during the transition to community-based services.

MEETING INFORMATION

The time and location of the next meeting of the **Southeast Regional Project Team** will be announced in a future edition.

HANDY NUMBERS AND WEB SITES:

MSDC/MSH Info Hotline:

1-800-903-9822

www.IN.gov/fssa/transition

Maintained by FSSA to answer your questions.

DD Waiver Ombudsman:

1-800-622-4484

Available to respond to your comments and questions.

The Arc of Indiana:

1-800-382-9100

www.arcind.org

www.thearclink.org

A statewide group that advocates on behalf of people with mental retardation and related disabilities and their families.

Area Agency on Aging:

1-800-986-3505

www.iaaa.org

AAAs provide case management, transportation, and other services to older adults and people with disabilities. Call to find the agency closest to you.

Southern Indiana Center for Independent Living (SICIL):

1-800-845-6914

Part of Indiana's Independent Living Service system, SICIL provides people with disabilities with information and referral, advocacy and other services.

Steve Cook Named DDARS Director

Cook replaces Marilyn Schultz, recently appointed to lead State Budget Agency

Steve Cook has been named director for FSSA's Division of Disability, Aging and Rehabilitative Services. Cook has been director of DDARS' bureau of developmental disabilities since January 2001.

"I am pleased Steve has accepted the challenge to lead the staff of Indiana's Family and Social Services DARS division," said John Hamilton, FSSA secretary. "Steve's current service to Hoosiers as bureau director for developmental disabilities made him an ideal candidate and the best choice to lead his fellow peers in providing services to those Hoosiers most in need of our assistance."

"Through my work as developmental disabilities director, I feel my staff and I have worked hard to meet the needs of our fellow Hoosiers," said Cook. "I'm excited for the challenge and pleased that my work with FSSA will continue." Before coming to FSSA, Cook

most recently worked for Res Care Inc. and for 14 years for St. Vincent New Hope, both organizations that provide services to the disabled in community-based and institutional settings.

Cook received his master's degree in education from Butler University and his bachelor's degree in science in public and environmental affairs from Indiana University. He has professional certifications in Health Facility Administrator-Comprehensive and Indiana School Psychologist I. He is past director of the Brain Injury Association of Indiana Board of Directors.

DDARS provides the aging and people with disabilities a wide variety of services, including vocational training and rehabilitative assistance. FSSA's other three divisions are Mental Health and Addiction, Family and Children Services and the Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning.

Self-Advocates of Indiana

Dedicated to Community Involvement

Self-Advocates of Indiana (SAI), formed in 1990 with a grant from the Governor's Planning Council for People with Disabilities, is a statewide organization of people with developmental disabilities. For the last twelve years, SAI has been bringing together individuals who envision a better way of life for the developmentally disabled.

Darcus Nims, founder and current vice-president of SAI, remembers, "We hadn't known there were other people like us who wanted more for themselves. It's twelve years later and we're still going strong."

Betty Williams, president of SAI, states, "We want people to know we have abilities and talents to offer. We don't want to be considered special. We want to be equal. We have the laws in place; now what we need is a change in attitude."

Self-Advocates of Indiana works to support people with developmental disabilities



Betty Williams (left) and Darcus Nims

and their families as they move out of institutions. "They were scared. They were going to lose the only home some of them had ever known. But we talked to them about living in the community and they came to count on us," recalls Darcus.

For further information about Self-Advocates of Indiana, please call Betty at (765) 935-4319, or Darcus at (317) 786-1041.

The ABC's of AAA

The 16 Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) in Indiana were created in 1973 under the Older Americans Act to help provide services to older adults and people with disabilities of any age. AAA serve members of the community who are seeking health-related information, employment for older adults, assistance for a dependent, parents of a disabled child, and those suspecting the abuse or neglect of a dependent adult. To contact your local AAA, call 1-800-986-3505 or visit www.iaaaa.org. There is a complete list of the sixteen AAA on the facing page.

AAA serve your community through:

- Advocacy
- Transportation
- Legal Services
- Senior Employment
- Nutrition
- In-Home Care
- Case Management
- Nursing Home Pre-Admission Screening
- And many others

16 Area Agencies

AREA 1

Area 1 Agency on Aging LCEOC, Inc.

5518 Calumet Ave.
Hammond, IN 46320
(219) 937-3500 or (800) 826-7871
FAX (219) 932-0560 or (219) 931-5501
E-Mail: LCEOC@core.com
Marie Kalafatic, Director
Vacant, President, C.E.O.

AREA 2

Area 2 Agency on Aging REAL Services, Inc.

1151 S. Michigan St., P.O. Box 1835
South Bend, IN 46634-1835
(574) 233-8205 or (800) 552-2916
FAX (574) 284-2642
Web Site: www.realservices.com
Becky Zaseck, Executive Director
Lester Fox, President, C.E.O.

AREA 3

Aging and In-Home Services of Northeast Indiana, Inc.

201 E. Rudisill Blvd., Suite 208
Fort Wayne, IN 46806-1756
(260) 745-1200 or (800) 552-3662
FAX (260) 456-1066
E-Mail: aginginhome@mixi.net
Diann Shappell, President

AREA 4

Area IV Agency on Aging & Community Action Programs, Inc.

660 North 36th St., P.O. Box 4727
Lafayette, IN 47903-4727
(765) 447-7683 or (800) 382-7556
TDD (765) 447-3307; FAX (765) 447-6862
E-Mail: info@areaivagency.org
Web Site: www.areaivagency.org
Sharon Wood, Executive Director

AREA 5

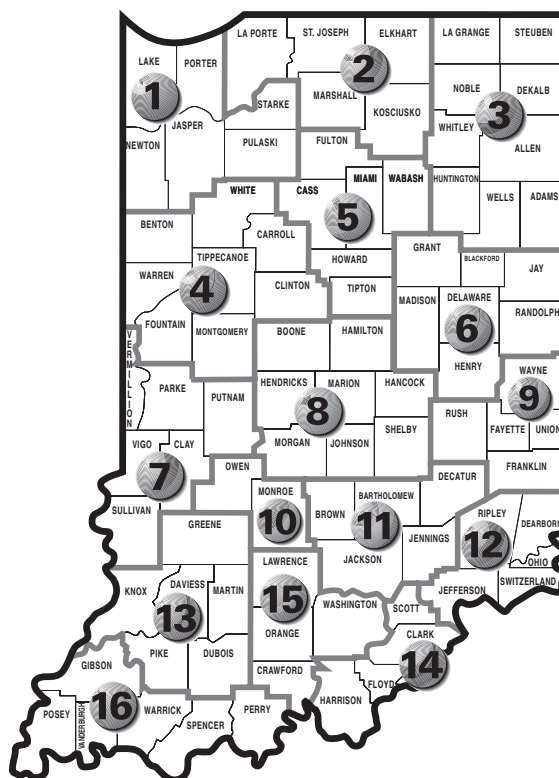
Area Five Agency on Aging & Community Services, Inc.

1801 Smith Street, Suite 300
Logansport, IN 46947-1577
(574) 722-4451 or (800) 654-9421
FAX (574) 722-3447
E-Mail: areafive@areafive.com
Web Site: www.areafive.com
Michael Meagher, Executive Director
Connie Meagher, Director of Aging Services

AREA 6

LifeStream Services, Inc.

1701 Pilgrim Blvd., P.O. Box 308
Yorktown, IN 47396-0308
(765) 759-1121 or (800) 589-1121
TDD (800) 589-1121; FAX (765) 759-0060
E-Mail: mail@lifestreaminc.org
Web Site: www.lifestreaminc.org
William Boothe, President, C.E.O.



AREA 7

Area 7 Agency on Aging and Disabled West Central Indiana Economic Development District, Inc.

1718 Wabash Ave., P.O. Box 359
Terre Haute, IN 47803-0359
(812) 238-1561 or (800) 489-1561
TDD (800) 489-1561; FAX (812) 238-1564
E-Mail: area7agency@netscape.net
Mervin Nolot, Executive Director
Donna Busch, Director, Programs on Aging & Disabled

AREA 8

CICOA The Access Network

4755 Kingsway Dr., Suite 200
Indianapolis, IN 46205-1560
(317) 254-5465 or (800) 489-9550
FAX (317) 254-5494; TDD (317) 254-5497
Web Site: www.cicoa.org
Duane Etienne, President, C.E.O.

AREA 9

Area 9 In-Home & Community Services Agency

520 South 9th St., Suite 100
Richmond, IN 47374-6230
(765) 966-1795, (765) 973-8334 or
(800) 458-9345
FAX (765) 962-1190
E-Mail: ashepher@indiana.edu
Web Site: www.iue.indiana.edu/departments/Area9
Tony Shepherd, Executive Director

AREA 10

Area 10 Agency on Aging

7500 W. Reeves Road
Bloomington, IN 47404
(812) 876-3383 or (800) 844-1010
FAX (812) 876-9922
E-Mail: area10@bloomington.in.us
Web Site: www.area10.bloomington.in.us
Jewel Echelbarger, Executive Director

AREA 11

Aging & Community Services of South Central Indiana, Inc.

1635 N. National Road, P.O. Box 904
Columbus, IN 47202-0904
(812) 372-6918; FAX (812) 372-7846
E-Mail: dcantrell@areaxi.org
Diane Cantrell, Executive Director

AREA 12

LifeTime Resources, Inc.

13091 Benedict Drive
Dillsboro, IN 47018
(812) 432-5215 or (800) 742-5001
FAX (812) 432-3822
E-Mail: offices@lifetime-resources.org
Sally Beckley, Executive Director

AREA 13

Generations

Vincennes University Community Services

P.O. Box 314
Vincennes, IN 47591
(812) 888-4292 or (800) 742-9002
TDD (812) 888-5762; FAX (812) 888-4566
E-Mail: generations@indian.vinu.edu
Anne N. Jacoby, Assistant Vice-President

AREA 14

LifeSpan Resources, Inc.

P.O. Box 995, 426 Bank Street
New Albany, IN 47151-0995
(812) 948-8330; FAX (812) 948-0147
E-Mail: frankie_able@lifespansresource.org
Patricia Jewell, Executive Director

AREA 15

Hoosier Uplands/Area 15 Agency on Aging and Disability Services

521 West Main Street
Mitchell, IN 47446
(812) 849-4457 or (800) 333-2451
TDD (800) 743-3333; FAX (812) 849-4467
E-Mail: area15@hoosieruplands.org
Web Site: www.hoosieruplands.org
David L. Miller, Executive Director
Barbara Tarr, Director of Aging and Disability Services

AREA 16

Southwestern Indiana Regional Council on Aging, Inc.

16 W. Virginia St., P.O. Box 3938
Evansville, IN 47737-3938
(812) 464-7800 or (800) 253-2188
FAX (812) 464-7843 or (812) 464-7811
E-Mail: swirca@swirca.org
Web Site: www.swirca.org
Robert J. "Steve" Patrow, Executive Director

To contact your local Area Agency toll-free, call
1-800-986-3505

Contact Us!

FSSA maintains a web site, a toll-free phone number, and this newsletter to keep MSDC and MSH families fully informed.

Anyone who would like to receive this newsletter can call the number listed, leave their address, and be added to our mailing list.

The web site features questions discussed at family and employee meetings, the final report from the Governor's Council on State Operated Care Facilities, updates on the *Olmstead* process, articles, and more.

You can visit the web site at:
www.IN.gov/fssa/transition

If you have questions, comments or concerns, or want to request copies of items on the web site, write to:

**Secretary, FSSA
402 W. Washington St.,
Room W461
Indianapolis, IN 46207-7088
Attn: MSDC/MSH**

or email:
OfficeOfTheSecretary@fssa.state.in.us

or call toll-free, 24 hours a day:
1-800-903-9822

You can also call this number if you have concerns about the services that your loved one receives after leaving MSDC or MSH.

Family and Employee News Available On-Line

Both the *Family News* and *Employee News* newsletters will now be posted on-line each month. FSSA's Muscatatuck/Madison Transition Process web site has added the newsletters as a feature. The web page can be viewed at:
www.IN.gov/fssa/transition

Parent of Former NCSDC Resident Now Consultant for Waiver Information Network (WIN)

Nanette Whightsel's daughter, Suzette, lived at New Castle State Developmental Center (NCSDC) for twenty-one years. When the announcement was made that NCSDC would close, she had many of the fears and concerns that now face families whose loved ones are moving from MSDC.

Though skeptical, Nanette worked with the state, providers, and case managers to develop a program in the community that would meet Suzette's specific needs.

"The key difference in successfully moving Suzette from NCSDC was the availability of the Medicaid Waiver - a funding source that allowed me to create a program that would work for Suzette, rather than trying to place Suzette into a specific, existing program," Nanette said.

"I was very concerned when I learned Suzette would have to leave NCSDC. Today, I am very happy with the move; and Suzette is happier. She lives in her own home, with a room mate, and twenty-four hour awake staff. She is also healthier. Since she moved from NCSDC, she has received a Vagus Nerve Implant for seizure

control. This has eliminated 80% of her seizure activity. It was never suggested as an option when she lived in the institution." Nanette said.

Now Nanette is ready to share her knowledge and experience of the Medicaid Waiver Program, and what it can do to support individuals with developmental disabilities in the community, as a consultant for the Waiver Information Network (WIN). WIN -- a collaborative effort of The Arc of Indiana, Indiana Parent Information Network, and Indiana Institute on Disability and Community - is funded by a grant from the Governor's Planning Council for People with Disabilities. These organizations are developing a Medicaid Waiver training program, and will share the information at forums throughout the state in late October through December, 2002.

Families with loved ones at MSDC are encouraged to contact Nanette for information.

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or by e-mail at:
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